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Moore County Health Department Provides Further Clarity for Phase 1B Group 1 Eligible Patients Seeking COVID-19 Vaccine

Scheduling for Phase 1B, Group 1 COVID-19 vaccinations opened this week in Moore County for any individuals who are 75 years old and older regardless of medical condition or living situation. Those who are eligible in this phase have two options for scheduling a vaccination appointment:

If an individual is age 75 years old or older and is an established patient at any FirstHealth primary care clinic, Pinehurst Medical Clinic or other Moore County based primary care clinic they will receive a phone call from a clinic representative to schedule a vaccination appointment. Vaccination clinics are being held at the Fair Barn in Pinehurst weekly as vaccine availability allows. .

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Individuals age 75 years or older may also pre-register anytime at www.moorecountync.gov/shot or by calling 910-947-SHOT (7468) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., seven days a week. Pre-registration is also available anytime in Spanish at www.moorecountync.gov/vacuna or by calling 910-947-7468 and following the Spanish prompts. Individuals can then expect a phone call from a Health Department representative to schedule a vaccination appointment for an upcoming vaccine clinic being held at the Health Department in Carthage on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays for the month of January and beyond.

Should they choose to, eligible individuals have the option of utilizing both options, for instance, an established patient of a Moore County based primary care clinic might also pre-register on the County's pre-registration portal as they wait to be contacted by their provider office. From there, getting the vaccine would depend on which entity was able to contact them first to schedule them for an appointment.

In both instances, those eligible in Phase 1B Group B are required to have an appointment to receive the vaccine as walk-ins cannot be accommodated. Patients will be scheduled for their second dose of the vaccine after they receive

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their first dose. Second doses will be scheduled 21 or 28 days after the first dose is administered depending on the type of vaccine the person receives.

Everyone is encouraged to be patient as they wait to be contacted for an appointment. FirstHealth and Moore County Health Department officials continue to stress that vaccine supplies are extremely limited and it will take time for those eligible in this phase to be called, scheduled and vaccinated. This week, FirstHealth opened up its scheduling portal for other primary care clinics in Moore County to begin scheduling their patients age 75 years old or older for the vaccine..

For more details about COVID-19 vaccination and Phase 1B, please visit the <u>Moore County COVID-19 Vaccination page</u> or <u>www.firsthealth.org/shot</u>.

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